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BODY OF ZARATE FOUND IN ROAD NEAR WESLACO

**Mexican Citizen Taken From
Jail is Found Two Days
Later in Middle of Old
Road South of Town**

The body of Elias Villalaz Zarate, a Mexican citizen, whose killing has resulted in a vigorous protest by the Mexican government to the state department at Washington, was found last Saturday morning in the middle of an old road about 5 miles from Weslaco. The body was discovered by C. W. Clark, a farmer, about 200 yards from where the old road joins the military road.

A report was immediately sent to Weslaco and Mexican Consul Francisco Pelaez of Hidalgo, accompanied by a number of Weslaco citizens, went out to view the body. Investigation revealed that Zarate had been shot through the heart. It was evident from the condition of the body that it had lain there at least 24 hours. Bugle tracks, evidently made a few hours previous showed where some parties had driven within a few feet of the body and then turned around. They had made no report of having discovered the body, officials state.

Arrested on Assault Charge

Zarate had been arrested Thursday on an assault charge and placed in a small building in Weslaco occasionally utilized as a jail. Thursday night while a number of Mexicans were congregated around the jail talking to him through a window, two Ford cars drove up, and eight men are reported to have entered. One of them drew a revolver and ordered the Mexicans to leave the vicinity. The Mexicans were unable to identify the men, but they state that they broke the glass look on the building, entered and carried him away in one of the cars. Weslaco authorities were not apprised of what had transpired until some hours later, and immediately initiated a search for Zarate, which did not end until the body was discovered almost two days later.

Zarate was employed as a workman on the new crematorium being erected at Weslaco. Thursday morning J. F. Sullivan, also an employee, complained to the foreman that Zarate was careless in handling lumber he had been unloading and had damaged some of it. At noon the foreman discharged Zarate and a short time later Zarate returned and attacked Sullivan with a piece of two by four. His first blow broke Sullivan's arm, and he next struck Sullivan on the back of the head rendering him unconscious. As he was raising the heavy timber to again strike his victim other workmen reached the scene and interfered. Zarate being placed under arrest upon the charge of assault with intent to murder.

Considerable indignation was expressed by Weslaco citizens over the assault on Sullivan, but no information was given that drastic action would be taken. The local authorities considered the matter perfectly safe in the building they utilized as a jail pending his removal to the county jail at Edinburg. The men who took Zarate from the jail worked very quietly, and few citizens of the town realized what had transpired until the body was found Saturday morning.

Reports carried in press dispatches to the effect that representations had been made by the Mexican government that Consul Pelaez's life had been threatened, are given no credence by Hidalgo county people who express the opinion that Consul Pelaez never rendered such a report to his government. Pelaez has been Consul at Hidalgo a number of years, he considered one of the more progressive consuls of this end of the border, and has the respect and friendship of all citizens in that vicinity.

HAS TEMPORARY SECRETARY

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 16.—D. O. McCray, Assistant Secretary of State, today was appointed Secretary of State to fill the unexpired term of L. J. Pettibone, resigned, Governor Henry J. Allen announced. Frank Ryan, newly elected secretary, will take office in January.

Official Weather Reports

Brownsville and vicinity: Cloudy, probably with rain tonight and Friday, continued cold.

East Texas: Cloudy with local rains tonight and Friday. Somewhat warmer in north portion Friday. Moderate north to east winds on coast.

Local Weather Data

For the 24-hour period ending at 12:30 today, 90th meridian time:

Barometer 7 a.m. yesterday	30.21
Barometer 7 a.m. today	30.17
Temperature highest yesterday	53
Temperature 7 p.m. yesterday	55
Temperature lowest last night	51
Temperature 7 a.m. today	51
Temperature 12:30 today	55
Humidity 7 a.m. yesterday (pct.)	95
Humidity 7 a.m. today (pct.)	98
Humidity 12:30 today (pct.)	91
Precipitation 7 a.m. yesterday	0.28
Precipitation 7 a.m. today	0.59
Total rainfall this month	2.14
Wind (direction and velocity) 7 a.m.	NW-15
Weather 7 p.m. yesterday	cloudy
Weather 7 a.m. today	cloudy
Sun sets today	5:40
Sun rises tomorrow	6:50

Canary the Death Gauge of Spangler



Canaries were carried into the gas-filled death pit at Spangler by rescue squads who went down to save miners from a death by poison gas or fire. The canary in its cage is shown with a sound who are about to descend.

Cotton Situation Will be Subject Taken up at Washington Meeting

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—The cotton situation will be the subject of a comprehensive discussion here November 23, between college and university presidents, extension directors and college deans of the various cotton states, as well as experts in all branches of the cotton industry connected with the department of agriculture.

The conference will consider a uniformity recommendation for the state and federal agencies dealing particularly with the boll weevil control, marketing, and reduction of varieties. Additional research work is to be carried on by the state and federal governments will be outlined.

The Washington conference will be preliminary to the cotton state conference to be held at Memphis on December 5.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Excellent results have been produced by the know-your-own-cotton campaign, according to the department of Agriculture. This campaign has been carried on the past two years in the cotton states under the direction of G. S. Meloy, cotton specialist of the bureau of agricultural economics. The work was undertaken in connection with the studies of the small interior markets, and is designed to teach cotton producers the factors on which the value of cotton is based and to assist them to secure a price commensurate with the true value of their cotton.

The immediate results are the encouragement of greater care in harvesting and handling the crop on the farm, so as to improve the grade, and the introduction of pure seed, resulting in the improvement in the staple and character of the cotton.

EARTH SHOCKS STILL FELT IN CHILE TOWNS

(By The Associated Press.)

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 16.—Strong earth shocks were felt this morning in Copiapo and La Serena districts where great loss of life was suffered in Saturday's quake, according to national telegraphic dispatches. A relief party is reported to have reached Copiapo. It is reported that a number of injured were found lying in the open air.

In the Valparaiso district many houses still remain beneath the ruins of wrecked buildings and their decomposition constitutes a serious menace to the health of the inhabitants, many of whom are without food. The breaking of water mains has left the city without water.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 16.—Martin M. Gaines, the American consular agent at Caldera, and his family and all the other Americans in that district are reported to be safe and well.

REALIGNMENT MAY BE EXPECTED IN PACKING INDUSTRY

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—J. Ogden Armour, head of the Armour Company, conferred today with officials of the federal government here regarding the situation in the packing industry. It was indicated that some announcement of a readjustment of packing interests might be expected shortly.

GENERAL WRIGHT IS SERIOUSLY ILL

(By The Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 16.—General Luke Wright, former secretary of war, who has been ill at his home here for more than a week, was reported in an extremely critical condition early today. An erroneous report that General Wright had died during the night was denied today.

General Wright was Secretary of War under President Roosevelt. He is a Confederate veteran and a staunch democrat.

CONSTRUCTION MAN ARRIVES TO TAKE UP HIGHWAY WORK

Tyree L. Bell of Dallas, is in Brownsville today and will go to Harlingen in the near future to establish his headquarters as superintendent of construction on the paving project in Cameron county, which was awarded to F. P. McElwath of Corsicana.

Mr. Bell said today that grading is still going on, although the rain is holding up further work on the concrete culverts and other structures. Paving equipment has been purchased and is in transit now. One paving apparatus will be unloaded at Olmito, while the other will be unloaded at La Feria. Temporary headquarters for the construction company will be in Harlingen, Mr. Bell said.

Both paving projects will be started at the same time, and work will commence as soon as the material arrives from Fordyce, Knappe and other places, and the machinery is unloaded. It was necessary to do more preliminary work on the La Feria project, as that road had not been graded up, and necessitated the construction of more culverts.

RAILROAD FARES IN AUSTRALIA INCREASE

VIENNA, Nov. 16.—Railway rates in Austria were raised by 300 percent early this month, making them now 24 times what they were on August 1, 1922. Even with this heavy increase, it is estimated that the deficit still will be about 1,600,000,000 crowns a day.

The passenger deficit is said to be due largely to the enormous amount of free transportation or so called cost price fares, enjoyed by government servants. During the summer it was estimated that at least half the travel was of this class. So far the government has taken no steps toward abolishing the evil.

EXPERIMENTS WITH FLORA

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 16.—Lieut. Col. M. A. Wood, commander of the William Beaumont General Hospital, is interested in western flora, and has begun experimenting in its growth. The main thing he is trying to do in this experimentation is to find a profitable use for greasewood. Greasewood is in the green the year around, and grows abundantly in alkali grounds, without cultivation or irrigation. The colonel is planting some of it out around the hospital, believing it will make good hedgerow. It is said that he was the first to seek to use greasewood for this purpose. Greasewood is found in every desert in the west or southwest, and grows in rough country generally throughout the southwest.

RANGERS GO TO BRECKENRIDGE UNDER ORDERS

**Mexican Consul Protests to
Neff Against Orders Issued
by Marchers to Mexican
Citizens**

(By The Associated Press.)

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 16.—A detachment of state rangers under Captain Frank Hamer will leave Austin today for Breckenridge as the result of a complaint filed with Governor Neff yesterday by the Mexican Consul general at Corsicana concerning the alleged disorders during which Mexican citizens were ordered to leave that town immediately, it was understood this morning.

Captain Hamer conferred with Governor Neff this morning regarding the Breckenridge situation.

Official announcement was made at noon that Captain Hamer and two rangers had been dispatched to Breckenridge.

The complaints allege that a band of 300 men marched through the streets of Breckenridge Tuesday night and told the Mexicans to leave town. Reports last night stated that a number of Mexicans and negroes were leaving the city.

Sudden exodus followed a march of a crowd of men, estimated at three hundred, through the negro and Mexican districts of Breckenridge Tuesday night and alleged threats from individuals that Mexicans and negroes must leave Breckenridge or have their homes burned. Other threats of violence are alleged to have been sent the negroes and Mexicans.

Many positions and jobs held by negroes and Mexicans were vacant Wednesday. Included among these was a negro school teacher's position, that person having left town.

The crowd that marched through the two districts and the subsequent threats caused Mexicans to telephone the Mexican consul at Dallas. Mayor C. H. Fulwiler later received a message from the consul saying he was advised the Mexicans of Breckenridge were afforded no protection against the events of last night and requested that protection be given.

Mayor Fulwiler declared the city authorities had all possible to protect the residents of Breckenridge regardless of race or color. The chamber of commerce in a meeting at noon pledged cooperation with the city officials in affording this protection.

Officers of the "White Owls," a signed membership organization here, issued a statement Wednesday disclaiming any alleged connection of the organization with the threats or intimidations. This organization is for bettering conditions of white laborers.

Extra police were on duty last night and the situation is quiet. No further trouble is expected.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The national colored people today sent a telegram to President Harding asking federal protection for negro residents of Breckenridge, Texas, where the exodus of negroes and Mexicans began last night after threats from a body of white men who had marched through the city.

FASCISTI MOVEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO RADICALS SPREADING THRU MEXICO

(By The Associated Press.)

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16.—Indications point to the spread of the Fascisti movement from Jalapa to Mexico City and all other important centers throughout the republic in the near future.

The organization is modeled after the Italian society of the same name and is designed to stamp out communism which has gained some foothold in Mexico. Advocates from Jalapa say the Fascisti, now tentatively organized, will start an active campaign against the radicals soon in the entire state of Vera Cruz.

FORMATION OF NEW CABINET IN BERLIN HAS BEEN STARTED

(By The Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Wilhelm Cuno, general manager of the Hamburg-American steamship line, has accepted the task of forming a cabinet to succeed the Wirth ministry, it was unofficially announced today.

REMOVE PRISONER

(By The Associated Press.)

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 16.—An order for the removal of Frank Holloway, arrested here several days ago in connection with the alleged kidnap of a mail messenger in Denison, Texas, was signed by Judge Robert T. Ervin today. Holloway will be taken to Paris, Texas, Thursday. Since Holloway's arrest here he has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Texas, which does away with the preliminary hearing here. Mrs. Holloway was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen mail, but was released on \$5,000 bond.

CONSERVATIVES SECURE MAJORITY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS IN ELECTIONS

EL JARDIN SHOW POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY

The community fair which was scheduled to be held in El Jardin tomorrow has been postponed until Wednesday of next week, according to an announcement made here today. The condition of the weather was given as the reason for this postponement, as a good fair is desired and many exhibits could not be entered tomorrow on account of bad roads. Most of the El Jardin exhibits will be entered as a community exhibit in the Valley Fair.

PROMPT ACTION DEMANDED FROM CHINA BY U. S.

(By The Associated Press.)

PEKING, China, Nov. 16.—Measures for the immediate release of foreigners and missionaries held by the Chinese bandits in the Hanan province were demanded of the Peking government today by the British, Italian, French and Swedish ministers, who are acting under instructions from their respective governments.

They presented joint note which declared the missionaries were working in the interior of China under treaties which had been violated by the abductions. The bandits seized various nationals with a view to forcing the Peking government to incorporate the bandits in the regular Chinese army.

HANKOW, China, Nov. 16.—American, British and French residents of the province of Honan are greatly alarmed over the increase in lawlessness and the appearance of what is apparently an organized campaign against foreigners. They have appealed jointly to their legations for protection.

RAISE FUND FOR VILLA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Sport enthusiasts of Manila have started a fund to buy a diamond belt for Pancho Villa, the Filipino who took the flyweight title from Johnny Buff at Brooklyn, according to mail advices received from the Philippine capital. The fund in its first day reached a total of 450 pesos.

MANY BILLS TO COME UP BEFORE NEXT CONGRESS

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—A prediction that the merchant marine bill, appropriations measures, rural credit legislation and amendments to the conservation act would be the outstanding features of a program for the coming winter in congress was made by the republican house leader Mondell after a conference today with President Harding. Proposals for legislation modifying the federal reserve act to provide greater facilities for agricultural credits are expected by the treasury officials to make their appearance in congress.

SELL NO DANGEROUS PLANES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Published charges that "dangerous" air craft have been sold to the army and navy were met by Secretary Weeks today with a challenge to any person having knowledge of how better to protect government from accident to come forward and present their proposal. The war secretary said the army service was exercising every precaution human ingenuity had devised to make its airships safe.

SPOT COTTON MARKET

Dallas, 24.75; Houston, 25.30; Galveston, 25.25; all steady.

WASHINGTON ST. WILL BE PAVED FOR TEN BLOCKS

**City Commission Awards Contract for Extensive Paving
Program to Southwest Bitulithic Company Today**

Contracts were awarded the Southwest Bitulithic Company this morning, at a special meeting of the city commission, for the paving of Washington street, from Tenth to Palm Boulevard, at the high school; Fourteenth street from Madison to the Summit Filling Station; Madison from the court house to Fourteenth street, and Palm Boulevard from Washington to Elizabeth, connecting up the two paved streets.

All of these contracts were awarded to the Southwest Bitulithic Company, and the estimate of the company on paving on Tenth and Adams streets was approved and paid. The paving on Washington street is to be regulation, first class bitulithic, the same as on Elizabeth street, and ten blocks are to be paved according to the contract. A park will be left in the center of the block to be paved on Palm Boulevard in front of the high school.

Madison street is to be paved from the court house to Fourteenth street in order to give farmers and other persons coming in on Fourteenth street access to the paving on Twelfth, and a continuous paved street into the city from the Summit Filling Station. The paving on Fourteenth street out to the filling station is to be a one-inch paving surface, instead of a two-inch surface as on Washington and Elizabeth streets.

The city has bids on Levee street and other streets which it is the intention of the commission to pave in the future, but no action was taken toward awarding contracts on these projects at the meeting today.

F. H. Williams, who has been employed at the city light and water plant for some time, has been placed in charge of the plant, and will have charge of the city water and light systems in addition to the plant. The light plant was also segregated from the city so far as management is concerned.

The commissioners voted to approve a loan to the city of \$5000 to be used in the general and street funds.

A regular meeting of the city commission will be held tomorrow afternoon in the city hall, at which time the commission will figure on a tax rate for 1923, and will open bids for the abattoir. Plans for this building were made by F. M. Waller, and it is to be constructed on the modern lines. The abattoir will be situated on property bought from H. L. Fitch near the Snake Farm in East Brownsville.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY TO HOLD ELECTIONS

(By The Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 16.—The United Daughters of the Confederacy entered the third day of their convention here this morning, action upon the report concerning the Lee chapel at Washington and Lee University, was the principal matter scheduled for discussion.

Mrs. Livingston Rowe Schuyler, president-general, will continue in office another year, according to custom, it was stated. Several states are understood to be grooming candidates for the other offices.

VERDICT OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

(By The Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 16.—A verdict of murder in the second degree was returned by the jury today in the case of Mrs. Clara Phillips who was charged with beating Mrs. Alberta Meadows to death with a hammer.

POSTMASTERS OVER COUNTRY PREPARING FOR SANTA CLAUS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—"Wrap well, mail early!" This now familiar Christmas slogan of the Post Office Department already has started across. Expecting an extra heavy Christmas business this season Department officials are warning postmasters to lay their plans early.

So well has the postoffice service been organized of late years that no new methods will be tried this year. Postmasters whose "patronage" is so large that greatly augmented working staffs are needed have been directed to give first preference in employment to men with families and those without a job.

Christmas always costs Uncle Sam between four and five million dollars extra for clerks, carriers, transportation facilities and renting extra quarters.

NEGRO SMOTHERED

VICTORIA, B.C., Nov. 16.—Joe Ed. Wood, an employee of a cotton mill here, was smothered to death when a wall of cottonseed carved in and covered him up.